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In accordance with General Regulation VI.3 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/2, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme has the honour to present to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council its report for consideration.

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Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as amended (Annex I).

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Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected Mr James Melanson (Canada, List D) as President for a one-year term.

With regard to the appointment of the Vice-President, lack of consensus among Board members led to a vote in which the List A nomination for the post was narrowly rejected. List A subsequently nominated H.E. José Eduardo Dantas Ferreira Barbosa (Cape Verde), who was unanimously elected Vice-President.

The representatives of: India, Mr Ramalingam Parasuram (List B), Colombia, H.E. Sabas Pretelt de la Vega (List C), and Slovenia, H.E. Bojana Hocevar (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Zakariaou Adam Maiga (Niger, List A) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2007.

19 February 2007

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2007/EB.1/1 Opening Remarks

The Board took note of the presentation. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

20 February 2007

ANNUAL REPORTS

2007/EB.1/2 Annual Report for 2006 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Board approved the Annual Report for 2006 to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of

the United Nations (WFP/EB.1/2007/4). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2006 and the present decision.

20 February 2007

POLICY ISSUES

2007/EB.1/3 Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

Having considered the document "Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action" (WFP/EB.2/2006/4-A) and approved decision 2006/EB.2/2 and subsequently reviewed the document "Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative" (WFP/EB.1/2007/5-A), the Board, in recognizing the importance for ECHUI to support the national policies and programmes:

- noted the UNICEF Executive Board's decisions of 18 January 2007, the status of the Partners Group, the milestones for 2007–2008, the corresponding timetable for developing the Partners Group work plan and responsibilities, the draft work plan for ECHUI, including the terms of reference for the Partners Group, the Steering Committee and the ECHUI secretariat;
- authorized the Secretariat to continue developing ECHUI as outlined in the Global Framework for Action (see Addendum WFP/EB.1/2007/5-A/Add. 1), including the minimum funding from non-PSA sources required for further refining of the workplan and milestones, for developing the Partners Group, and for preparing the ground for the Steering Committee and the Secretariat, recognizing UNICEF's co-leadership role;
- approved WFP's role in the 2007–2008 workplan with a first year budget for WFP of US$1.31 million from non-PSA funds, contingent upon approval by UNICEF's Executive Board of UNICEF's participation in ECHUI with a matching contribution of funds for the joint Secretariat.

22 February 2007

2007/EB.1/4 An Update on WFP Interventions in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

The Board took note of "An Update on WFP Interventions in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation" (WFP/EB.1/2007/5-B).

20 February 2007

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2007/EB.1/5 Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)

The Board:

(i) authorized the Executive Director to fund variances between standard staff rates and actual staff expenditures at the end of each financial period, as follows:

a) variances arising on positions funded from PSA to be funded from (or refunded to) the PSA Equalization Account;

b) variances arising on positions funded from non-PSA sources to be funded from (or refunded to) the General Fund; and

c) WFP to report to the Board the treatment of both positive and negative variances at the end of each financial period;

(ii) approved up to US$6.9 million for a general service staff salary increase to be funded from the PSA Equalization Account;

(iii) approved a revised regular PSA appropriation of US$371.8 million and a revised property, plant and equipment capital appropriation of US$4.0 million, as follows:

	Original appropriation (including carryover)	Revised appropriation
	US$ million	
Programme support: regional and country offices	123.8	120.6
Programme support: Headquarters	38.6	38.4
Management and administration	208.4	212.8
Total regular PSA	**370.8**	**371.8**
Property, plant and equipment capital appropriation	5.0	4.0
Total	**375.8**	**375.8**

(iv) approved the Secretariat's proposal to fund the 2006 Walk-the-World income deficit of US$2.6 million from the General Fund;

(v) approved the use of the General Fund to cover DSS-related expenditures for 2006–2007 up to a maximum of US$22.6 million; and

(vi) approved the provision of a US$10 million advance to the WINGS II Special Account from the General Fund.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2007/6(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2007/6(A,B,C)/3).

21 February 2007

2007/EB.1/6 Report of the WFP External Auditor on Treasury Management

The Board took note of "Report of the WFP External Auditor on Treasury Management" (WFP/EB.1/2007/6-B/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2007/6(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2007/6(A,B,C)/3).

21 February 2007

2007/EB.1/7 Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations

The Board took note of "Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations" (WFP/EB.1/2007/6-C/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2007/6(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2007/6(A,B,C)/3).

21 February 2007

2007/EB.1/8 External Audit of Funds and Programmes involved in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Noting the Secretary General's proposal, the Executive Board decided to request the WFP External Auditor to carry out a special audit of the WFP operations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a matter of priority and report its findings to the Board. The WFP External Auditor might wish to consult and coordinate with the United Nations Board of Auditors, which may be undertaking a special audit of United Nations organizations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the United Nations Funds and Programmes that fall within its mandate.

21 February 2007

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.1/9 Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the India Country Programme (2003–2007)

The Board: (i) took note of "Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the India Country Programme (2003–2007)" (WFP/EB.1/2007/7-B); (ii) noted the

management actions taken so far on the recommendations, as set out in the tracking matrix; and (iii) encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised in discussion.

21 February 2007

SUDAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.1/10 Summary Report of the Evaluation of Darfur EMOP 10339.0/1

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Evaluation of Darfur EMOP 10339.0/1" (WFP/EB.1/2007/7-A), requested a written management response to recommendations related to gender concerns and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 February 2007

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2007/EB.1/11 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief And Recovery Operations— Uganda 10121.1

The Board approved the budget increase to Uganda PRRO 10121.1 "Targeted Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.1/2007/9-B).

21 February 2007

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2007/EB.1/12 Development Projects — The Gambia 10548.0

The Board approved The Gambia Development Project 10548.0 "Support to Basic Education in Rural Vulnerable Regions" (WFP/EB.1/2007/9-A), subject to availability of resources.

21 February 2007

2007/EB.1/13 Country Programmes — Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis Country Programme Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.1/2007/8/1), for which the food requirement was 27,828 mt at a cost of US$16,1 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

21 February 2007

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.1/14 Country Programmes — Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis Country Programme Zambia 10447.0 (2007-2010) (WFP/EB.1/2007/8/2), for which the food requirement was 52,201 mt at a cost of US$28.9 million for all direct operational costs.

22 February 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2007/EB.1/15 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in "Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2007/13).

20 February 2007

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2007/EB.1/16 Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2006

The Board endorsed the draft document "Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.2/2006/17.

22 February 2007

OTHER BUSINESS

2007/EB.1/17 Housing Allowance of the Executive Director

The Board decided that the Executive Director's housing allowance would be set at €121,440 per annum, inclusive of services and utilities, effective 1 April 2007 until further notice.

The Board further decided: (i) that the housing allowance continue to be a reimbursement of the actual cost of a property; (ii) that it should continue to be indexed annually against the Italian retail price index; and (iii) that it should be reviewed at five-year intervals by the Bureau and the Board, taking into account market rates and the allowances paid to the other agency heads in Rome.

22 February 2007

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SECTION II

Executive Board Bureau

President:	**Mr James Melanson** (Canada)
Vice-President:	**H.E. José Eduardo Dantas Ferreira Barbosa** (Cape Verde)
Member:	**Mr Ramalingam Parasuram** (India)
Member:	**H.E. Sabas Pretelt de la Vega** (Colombia)
Member:	**Ms Bojana Hocevar** (Slovenia)
Rapporteur:	**Ms Ann Uustalu** (Sweden)

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Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

4 June 2007

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Ann Uustalu (Sweden) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2007.

4 June 2007

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2007/EB.A/1 Strategic Statement by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

4 June 2007

ANNUAL REPORTS

2007/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2006

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2006 (WFP/EB.A/2007/4 + Corr.1 and 3), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP's performance for the year.

4 June 2007

POLICY ISSUES

2007/EB.A/3 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Management Response to the External Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy

The Board took note of the information provided in "Progress Report on the Implementation of the Management Response to the External Evaluation of

WFP's Enabling Development Policy" (WFP/EB.A/2007/5-A) and also noted that WFP would require further support from donor governments to implement the proposed actions set out in "Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-A).

5 June 2007

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2007/EB.A/4 Fourth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards

The Board:

(i) took note of the actions taken by WFP and the United Nations in preparation for IPSAS implementation;

(ii) took note of issues arising from the accounting of fixed assets, inventories and employee benefits under IPSAS, which would be reported in WFP's financial statements for the first time; and

(iii) approved the proposed amendment to General Rule XIII.6, with effect from 1 January 2008, and its submission for information to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/3).

5 June 2007

2007/EB.A/5 Funding of Employee Termination Payments

The Board:

(i) took note of the issue of unfunded termination payments;

(ii) took note of the reports and recommendations of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/3) and the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/2);

(iii) authorized the Executive Director to utilize up to US$15 million released from the Self Insurance Fund for termination payments specifically provided for under staff regulations and ICSC rules; and

(iv) requested the Executive Director to report to the Second Regular Session of the Board in October 2007 on the implications to WFP of staff employed under Special Service Agreements (SSA), Service Contracts (SC) and Assignment of Limited Duration (ALD) contracts.

5 June 2007

2007/EB.A/6 Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)

The Board:

(i) took note of the progress made on the WINGS II project and its current funding status, as outlined in paragraphs 14–19;

(ii) approved that the US$10 million advance approved by the Board in the First Regular Session of 2007 from the WFP General Fund to the WINGS II Special Account be converted into a permanent transfer of funds to the Special Account;

(iii) approved a further transfer of funds from the General Fund to the WINGS II Special Account to cover WINGS II expenditure up to a maximum of US$24 million, less an amount equivalent to any voluntary contribution to the WINGS II Special Account; and

(iv) looked forward to regular reports on the WINGS II project.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,)/3).

5 June 2007

2007/EB.A/7 Costs and Benefits of New Initiatives in Profile Raising — Report by the External Auditor

The Board took note of "Costs and Benefits of New Initiatives in Profile Raising – Report by the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.A/2007/6-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/3).

5 June 2007

2007/EB.A/8 Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations

The Board took note of "Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations" (WFP/EB.A/2007/6-E/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/3).

5 June 2007

2007/EB.A/9 Annual Accounts (2006) — Part I and Part II

The Board:

(i) took note of the 2006 Annual Accounts of WFP;

(ii) took note of the External Auditor's report and recommendations on the preparation of the 2006 Annual Accounts; and

(iii) requested the Executive Director to implement the External Auditor's recommendations as soon as possible.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)/3).

5 June 2007

2007/EB.A/10 Update on Capacity-Building (Strategic Objective 5)

The Board took note of the "Update on Capacity-Building (Strategic Objective 5)" (WFP/EB.A/2007/6-H/1). The Board requested an evaluation of SO5 activities and looked forward to the presentation of findings in subsequent Board sessions, as they became available.

8 June 2007

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.A/11 Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of School Feeding in Emergency Situations

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of School Feeding in Emergency Situations" (WFP/EB.A/2007/7-A) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

6 June 2007

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Democratic Republic of the Congo 10608.0

The Board approved the proposed Democratic Republic of the Congo PRRO 10608.0 "Targeted Food Aid for Victims of Armed Conflict and other Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-B/3).

6 June 2007

2007/EB.A/13 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Kenya 10258.2

The Board approved the proposed Kenya PRRO 10258.2 "Food Assistance to Somali and Sudanese Refugees" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-B/4 + Corr.1*).

6 June 2007

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.A/14 Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Indonesia 10069.1

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Indonesia 10069.1" (WFP/EB.A/2007/7-C) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

6 June 2007

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/15 Draft Country Programme—India 10573.0 (2008–2012)

The Board endorsed draft country programme India 10573.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.A/2007/8/1), for which the food requirement was 184,104 mt at a cost of US$17.8 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized WFP to mobilize additional contributions of US$33.8 million from other sources to address the needs of an estimated 2 million beneficiaries for five years. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

6 June 2007

2007/EB.A/16 Development Project—Bhutan 10579.0

The Board approved the proposed development project Bhutan 10579.0 (2008-2012) "Improving Rural Children's Access to Basic Education with a Focus on Primary Education" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-A/2) subject to the availability of resources.

6 June 2007

2007/EB.A/17 Development Project—Cambodia 10170.2

The Board approved the proposed development project Cambodia 10170.2 "Support for Mother-and-Child Health" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-A/1) subject to the availability of resources.

6 June 2007

2007/EB.A/18 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Indonesia 10069.2

The Board approved proposed Indonesia PRRO 10069.2 "Assistance for Recovery and Nutrition Rehabilitation" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-B/2 + Corr.1).

6 June 2007

SUDAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OTHER BUSINESS

2007/EB.A/19 Report of the WFP Executive Board Bureau Members on their Visit to the Sudan

The Board took note of the "Report of the WFP Executive Board Bureau Members on their visit to the Sudan" (WFP/EB.A/2007/INF/8).

7 June 2007

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.A/20 Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Southern Africa Regional PRRO 10310.0

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Southern Africa Regional PRRO 10310.0" (WFP/EB.A/2007/7-B), noted the management actions taken so far on the recommendations as set out in the tracking matrix and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board in its discussion.

7 June 2007

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/21 Development Project—Malawi 10581.0

The Board approved development project Malawi 10581.0 "Strategic Focus of the WFP Development Project: Support to Education" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-A/3), contingent on resource availability, for which US$20.5 million would be provided from regular development resource allocations, noting that up to US$19.5 million was expected as an additional contribution through the McGovern-Dole International Food-for-Education and Child Nutrition Program.

7 June 2007

OTHER BUSINESS

2007/EB.A/22 Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Malawi and Zambia

The Board took note of the "Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their visit to Malawi and Zambia" (WFP/EB.A/2007/INF/7).

7 June 2007

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/23 Draft Country Programme—Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.A/2007/8/4), for which the food requirement was 17,765 mt at a cost of US$11.9 million covering all basic direct operational costs and authorized the Secretariat to proceed with the formulation of a country programme, taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

7 June 2007

2007/EB.A/24 Draft Country Programme—Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.A/2007/8/2), for which the food requirement was 29,787 mt at a cost of US$17.8 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to proceed with the formulation of a country programme, taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

7 June 2007

2007/EB.A/25 Draft Country Programme—Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2007/8/3), for which the food requirement was 13,459 mt at a cost of US$9.1 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to proceed with the formulation of a country programme, taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

7 June 2007

OTHER BUSINESS

2007/EB.A/26 Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Liberia

The Board took note of the "Report of the Joint Field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Liberia" (WFP/EB.A/2007/INF/6)

7 June 2007

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/27 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Occupied Palestinian Territory 10387.1

The Board approved the proposed Occupied Palestinian Territory PRRO 10387.1 "Targeted Assistance for Relief, Support to Productive Activities and Skills Development for Vulnerable Non-Refugee Palestinians" (WFP/EB.A/2007/9-B/1).

8 June 2007

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/28 Cooperation among United Nations Rome-Based Agencies

The Board: (i) took note of the briefing by the Secretariat on current WFP cooperation with FAO and IFAD and possibilities for its strengthening; and (ii) requested that the Secretariat prepared a document containing a review of cooperation to date and suggestions for enhanced cooperation in future, for submission to the Board's 2007 Second Regular Session.

The Board furthermore encouraged the Secretariat to identify areas of cooperation in the United Nations system that inform the strategic planning process.

8 June 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2007/EB.A/29 Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2006

In considering "Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January - 31 December 2006" (WFP/EB.A/2007/12-A/Rev.1), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the

corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were reduced, to seek reimbursement from governments that had lost commodities through negligence and to continue to report to the Board annually.

8 June 2007

2007/EB.A/30 Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories

The Board took note of "Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories" (WFP/EB.A/2007/12-B).

7 June 2007

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2007/EB.A/31 Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007

The Board endorsed the draft document "Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.1/2007/17.

8 June 2007

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World Food Programme
Programa Mundial de Alimentos

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Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

22 October 2007

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Erizal Sodikin (Indonesia, List B) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2007.

22 October 2007

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2007/EB.2/1 Opening Remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director, as well as those by Mr J. Diouf, Director-General of FAO and Sir John Holmes, Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. The main points of the presentations and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

22 October 2007

POLICY ISSUES

2007/EB.2/2 WFP Strategic Plan Concept Note

The Board took note of the WFP Strategic Plan Concept Note and its Annexes (WFP/EB.2/2007/4-A) and encouraged further work towards the formulation of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) in consultation with the Board, and taking into account the issues raised by the Board during its discussion.

23 October 2007

2007/EB.2/3 Gender and Geographical Diversity: a Way Forward for Meeting Established Targets

Having reviewed document WFP/EB.2/2007/4-B, the Board took note of the methods WFP proposed for improving gender and geographical representation in the international professional staff category; it reiterated the decision taken at its Second Regular Session in 2006 to request the Secretariat to present at its Second Regular Session in 2008 a comprehensive strategy on human resources which would facilitate attainment of the Strategic Plan objectives.

25 October 2007

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2007/EB.2/4 WFP Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009)

Having considered WFP's Biennial Management Plan Budget for 2008–2009, as submitted by the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.2/2007/5-A/1, the Board:

i) as allowed under Financial Regulation 2.1, **approved** an exemption from Financial Regulation 9.2, which requires that the proposed Management Plan be circulated to members of the Board not later than 60 days before the session;

ii) **took note** of the projected operational requirements of US$5.4 billion, excluding any provision for unforeseen emergencies and including direct support costs (DSC), as outlined in Section III;

iii) **approved** a transfer of US$24.1 million from the Direct Support Cost Advance Facility (DSCAF) to the PSA Equalization Account;

iv) **noted** that the PSA budget proposal assumed, at a funding level of 90 percent of the above operational requirements, that up to US$34 million from the PSA Equalization Account may be required to offset any potential funding shortfall;

v) **approved** a PSA appropriation of US$345 million for the following purposes:

➢ Programme support: regional and country offices	US$103.756 million
➢ Programme support: Headquarters	US$42.692 million
➢ Management and administration	US$198.552 million
➢ Total	US$345.000 million

vi) **approved** expenditures of up to US$10.6 million funded from the General Fund for the transition to the proposed PSA budget, as outlined in Section IV;

vii) **approved** expenditures of up to US$26.6 million funded from the General Fund for the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS);

viii) **approved** an indirect support cost (ISC) recovery rate of 7.0 percent for the 2008–2009 biennium;

ix) **authorized** the Executive Director to adjust the PSA component of the budget in accordance with any variation in the volume of operational requirements of more than 10 percent from the level outlined in Section III; and

x) **requested** the Secretariat to update the Management Plan (2008–2009) to reflect any changes arising from the approval of the Strategic Plan (2008–2011) in the session immediately following the adoption of the Strategic Plan.

The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.2/2007/5(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/2 + Corr.1) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/3).

23 October 2007

2007/EB.2/5 Termination Payments for Service Contract Holders

The Board:

i) took note of the evolution of the use of contractual tools used by WFP for the recruitment and administration of national field staff;

ii) took note of the reasons for and conditions affecting termination payments paid to holders of Service Contracts and Special Service Agreements in the field through ex gratia[1] payments approved by the Executive Director;

iii) took note of the payments exceptionally approved by the Executive Director in recent years when emergency and relief operations had undergone major programme reductions under a three- to five-year phased approach; these should be completed by the end of 2007, with the largest operation to be completed by March 2009; the

[1] Ex gratia: a payment made without the giver recognizing any liability or legal obligation, regardless of funding source.

amounts paid to employees on Service Contracts would be reported to the Board on completion of downsizing or office closure;

iv) took note of the payments exceptionally approved in 2005 by the Executive Director in support of the 2006 staffing review whereby Service Contract and Special Service Agreement holders were either appointed on Fixed Term contracts, as per established criteria, or were terminated; a few countries were still finalizing approved action; and

v) took note of the development of WFP Service Contracts and the *WFP Special Service Guidelines* in collaboration with United Nations funds and programmes for use by field offices to ensure that a harmonized contractual system was applied and that staffing reviews continued to be undertaken.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2007/5(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/2 + Corr.1) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/3).

23 October 2007

2007/EB.2/6 Has Decentralisation Met the World Food Programme's Operational Needs? Report by the External Auditor

The Board took note of "Has Decentralisation Met the World Food Programme's Operational Needs? Report by the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.2/2007/5-C/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2007/5(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/2 + Corr.1) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/3).

23 October 2007

2007/EB.2/7 Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations

The Board took note of "Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations" (WFP/EB.2/2007/5-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2007/5(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/2 + Corr.1) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/3).

23 October 2007

2007/EB.2/8 **Special Audit Requested by the Executive Board in Relation to WFP's Activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Report by the External Auditor**

The Board took note of "Special Audit Requested by the Executive Board in Relation to WFP's Activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Report by the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.2/2007/5-F/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2007/5(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,)/2 + Corr.1) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2007/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)/3).

23 October 2007

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.2/9 **Evaluation of WFP's Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan**

The Board took note of "Evaluation of WFP's Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan" (WFP/EB.2/2007/6-A) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

24 October 2007

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WFP OPERATIONS: DEBATE WITH REGIONAL DIRECTORS

2007/EB.2/10 **Challenges and Opportunities for WFP Operations: Debate with Regional Directors**

The Board took note of the WFP Regional Directors' presentations on the challenges and opportunities for WFP's operations. The main points of their presentations and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

24 October 2007

2007/EB.2/11 **Decision on Protection of Humanitarian Workers**

The Executive Board of WFP calls on all countries to renew their commitment to the protection of humanitarian workers, and to helping to ensure safe and unhindered access to those in need, in keeping with international law and humanitarian principles.

The Executive Board of WFP invites the Executive Director of the Programme, in the framework of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs, to call upon the

Secretary-General of the United Nations to use all the means at his disposal to enhance the safety and security of humanitarian workers, and to share with other United Nations agencies WFP's experience in ensuring safe and unhindered access to people in need.

The Executive Board requests that the Secretariat submit to the Board each year, as an information note, the security report it compiles for the United Nations, to ensure ongoing awareness of criminal acts against WFP personnel and other workers engaged in support of WFP operations.

25 October 2007

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.2/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Malawi 10586.0

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Malawi 10586.0 "Assistance to Food-Insecure People Suffering from the Effects of Natural Disasters and HIV/AIDS" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-C/4).

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/13 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Mozambique 10600.0

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Mozambique 10600.0 "Food Support for Protection and Promotion of Lives and Livelihoods of the Most Vulnerable People" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-C/2/Rev.1).

25 October 2007

LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.2/14 Summary Evaluation Report of Haiti PRRO 10382.0

The Board took note of the information and recommendations contained in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Haiti 10382.0" (WFP/EB.2/2007/6-B + Corr.1) and invited WFP to work on the recommendations, taking into account issues raised by the Board during its discussion.

25 October 2007

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.2/15 Draft Country Programme Bolivia 10596.0 (2008–2012)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Bolivia 10596.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.2/2007/7/1), for which the food requirement was 17,534 mt at a cost of US$9.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board. WFP would seek additional funding beyond multilateral pledges to meet the requirements of US$7 million to implement its components in the United Nations joint programme and to help the Government to enhance its disaster response capacity.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/16 Draft Country Programme Honduras 10538.0 (2008–2011)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Honduras 10538.0 (2008–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2007/7/2), for which the food requirement was 12,972 mt at a cost of US$6.6 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/17 Draft Country Programme Nicaragua 10597.0 (2008–2012)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Nicaragua 10597.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.2/2007/7/3), for which the food requirement was 21,045 mt at a cost of US$16.4 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/18 Development Project Cuba 10589.0

The Board approved the proposed development project Cuba 10589.0 "Support for the National Plan on Prevention and Control of Anaemia in the Five Eastern Provinces of Cuba" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-A/2 + Corr.1), subject to the availability of resources.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/19 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Haiti 10674.0

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Haiti 10674.0 "Food Assistance for the Relief and Protection of Vulnerable Groups Exposed to Food Insecurity" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-C/3).

25 October 2007

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.2/20 Country Programme India 10573.0 (2008–2012)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme India 10573.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.2/2007/8/1), for which the food requirement was 184,104 mt at a cost of US$17.8 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized WFP to mobilize additional contributions of US$33.8 million from other sources to address the needs of an estimated 2 million beneficiaries for five years.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/21 Development Project Sri Lanka 10607.0

The Board approved the proposed development project Sri Lanka 10607.0 "Support to Improve Mother-and-Child Health and Nutrition" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-A/1), subject to the availability of resources.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/22 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Sri Lanka 10067.1

The Board approved Budget Increase to Sri Lanka PRRO 10067.1 "Assistance to Vulnerable Groups for Peace Building in Areas Affected by Conflict and the Tsunami" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-D + Corr.1).

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/23 Budget Increases to Development Activities — Nepal Country Programme 10093.0

The Board approved the budget increase of US$24.7 million to Nepal country programme 10093.0 (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-B) for a period of three years from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/24 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Cambodia 10305.1

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Cambodia 10305.1 "Assisting People in Crisis" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-C/1).

25 October 2007

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2007/EB.2/25 Summary Evaluation Report of Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0

The Board took note of the information and recommendations contained in "Summary Evaluation Report of Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0 – Enabling Livelihood Protection and Promotion" (WFP/EB.2/2007/6-C) and of the management response, and invited WFP to follow up the recommendations, taking into account issues raised by Board members during the discussion.

25 October 2007

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.2/26 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Ethiopia 10665.0

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Ethiopia 10665.0 "Responding to Humanitarian Crises and Enhancing Resilience to Food Insecurity" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-C/5).

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/27 Development Project Rwanda 10677.0

The Board approved the proposed development project Rwanda 10677.0 "Food Assistance Support for Education" (WFP/EB.2/2007/9-A/3), subject to the availability of resources.

25 October 2007

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2007/EB.2/28 Country Programme Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.2/2007/8/4), for which the food requirement was 17,765 mt at a cost of US$11.9 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/29 Country Programme Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012) (WFP/EB.2/2007/8/2), for which the food requirement was 29,787 mt at a cost of US$17.8 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/30 Country Programme Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2007/8/3), for which the food requirement was 13,459 mt at a cost of US$9.1 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

25 October 2007

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2007/EB.2/31 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009)

The Board approved "Biennial Programme of Work (2008–2009) of the Executive Board" (WFP/EB.2/2007/12-A) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

25 October 2007

2007/EB.2/32 A Proposal for Handling Succession Planning Issues in the Executive Board Bureau

Having reviewed document WFP/EB.2/2007/12-B on succession planning issues in the Executive Board Bureau, the Board approved the proposed amendments to Rule IV of its Rules of Procedure, which would read as follows:

"Rule IV: Election of the Bureau

1. The Board shall, at its first session of each year, elect from among the representatives of its members a President, a Vice-President and three other members of the Bureau (collectively designated as the Bureau) as well as an alternate.
2. Each member of the Bureau shall be chosen from one of the Lists of States as defined in Appendix A to the General Regulations of WFP. In the election of the President, the Vice-President and the other members of the Bureau, consideration shall be given to the equitable geographical rotation of their offices among the Lists of States.

Each alternate will replace the Bureau member if he/she is temporarily or permanently unavailable. The designated alternate shall have the same rights and responsibilities as the Bureau member he/she is replacing. Alternates may also attend Bureau meetings as non-participating observers at other times.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the President becomes temporarily or permanently absent, unavailable, otherwise unable to fulfil the duties of the position or ceases to represent a member of the Board, the following procedure applies:

i) if the President becomes temporarily unavailable, the Vice-President will take over his functions and responsibilities;

ii) if the President becomes permanently unavailable, the procedure for replacement will depend on when this occurs;

a) if it occurs at or before the Annual Session of the Board, the President will be replaced by the alternate referred to in Rule IV.1 until the end of the period of tenure;

b) if it occurs after the Annual Session of the Board, the Vice-President will take over the functions and responsibilities of the outgoing President until the end of the period of tenure.

3. The President of the Board shall not, except in exceptional cases as decided by the Board, be eligible for re-election. The Vice-President and the other members of the Bureau shall be eligible for re-election."

23 October 2007

2007/EB.2/33 Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-Based Agencies

The Board took note of the information provided in "Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-Based Agencies" (WFP/EB.2/2007/12-C) and encouraged WFP to continue to enhance its cooperation with FAO and IFAD in areas that contribute to the achievement of strategic and management objectives approved by the WFP Executive Board.

The Board requested the WFP Secretariat to integrate into the strategic planning process a thorough analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of WFP and the gaps in the international system to address hunger.

The Board urged the WFP Secretariat, subsequent to the strategic planning process, to consult with the Rome-based agencies on undertaking a joint document on the directions that future purpose-driven operational partnerships could take at the global, regional and country levels.

24 October 2007

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2007/EB.2/34 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2007

The Board endorsed the document "Draft Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2007", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.A/2007/16.

25 October 2007

ANNEX I

AGENDA

1. ***Adoption of the Agenda***
2. ***Appointment of the Rapporteur***
3. ***Opening Remarks by the Executive Director***
4. ***Policy Issues***
   a) Strategic Plan Concept Note (for consideration)
   b) Gender and Geographical Diversity – a Way Forward for Meeting Established Targets (for consideration)
   c) Emergency Needs Assessment: Final Progress Report on the Implementation Plan and Next Steps (for information.)
   d) Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies (for information)
   e) Update on WFP's Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies (for information)
5. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***
   a) WFP Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009) (for approval)
   b) Termination Payments for Service Contract Holders (for approval)
   c) Has Decentralisation Met the World Food Programme's Operational Needs? Report by the External Auditor (for consideration)
   d) Progress Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the External Auditor (for consideration)
   e) Fifth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (for information)
   f) Special Audit Requested by the Executive Board in Relation to WFP's Activities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Report by the External Auditor (for consideration)
   g) Status Report on WINGS II (for information)
6. ***Evaluation Reports*** *(for consideration)*
   a) Evaluation of WFP's Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan
   b) Summary Evaluation Report of Haiti PRRO 10382.0
   c) Summary Mid-Term Evaluation Report of Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0

Operational Matters

7. ***Draft Country Programmes*** (for consideration)
   - Bolivia 10596.0 (2008–2012)
   - Honduras 10538.0 (2008–2011)
   - Nicaragua 10597.0 (2008–2012)

8. ***Country Programmes*** (for approval on a no-objection basis)
   - Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012)
   - India 10573.0 (2008–2012)
   - Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012)
   - Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010)

9. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval*** (for approval)
   a) Development Projects
      - Cuba 10589.0
      - Sri Lanka 10607.0
      - Rwanda 10677.0

   b) Budget Increases to Development Activities
      - Nepal 10093.0

   c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations (PRROs) (for approval)
      - Cambodia 10305.1
      - Ethiopia 10665.0
      - Haiti 10674.0
      - Malawi 10586.0
      - Mozambique 10600.0

   d) Budget Increases to PRROs (for approval)
      - Sri Lanka 10067.1

10. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence***

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January – 30 June 2007)*** (for information)
   a) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director
   b) PRROs Approved by the Executive Director
      - Armenia 10053.2

- Central America Regional 10444.0
- Côte d'Ivoire 10672.0
- Djibouti 10544.0
- Guinea 10553.0
- Lao People's Democratic Republic 10566.0
- Liberia 10454.0
- Nepal 10676.0
- Sierra Leone 10554.0
- Tajikistan 10603.0

c) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director

d) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or Jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

a) Biennial Programme of Work (2008–2009) of the Executive Board (for approval)

b) A Proposal for Handling Succession Planning Issues in the Executive Board Bureau (for approval)

c) Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies (for consideration)

13. ***Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2007*** (for endorsement)

14. ***Other Business***

15. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***

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